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OUR TICKET

FOR 1896.

For President:

JOHN T. MORGAN,
OF ALABAMA.

For Vice-President:

WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.

OUR PLATFORM:

FREE SILVER, MORE MONEY, AND
AMERICA FOR AMERICANS.

We fling this banner to the breeze, and nail it to our masthead. It will inspire hope, and bring a rich reward to toiling millions of our countrymen.

Hurrah for Morgan and Bryan!

MORGAN FOR PRESIDENT.

SENATOR MORGAN, of Alabama, has recently distinguished himself again, by the delivery of a great speech, relating to our Behring Sea controversy with Great Britain. The Senator on this occasion, as well as on many others, has demonstrated his profound knowledge of foreign affairs and his true Americanism.

John T. Morgan is the peer of any man in the U. S. Senate, and but few men in that body care to cross swords with him in debate. He is the coming man; and we predict his statesmanship will be fully recognized by his countrymen by putting him in nomination for President in 1896. His career in public life has been consistent and honorable, and as chief executive of the country, he would be the servant of the masses and not the classes. He is a typical American, sound on the financial question, and thoroughly conversant with state questions, foreign and domestic.

The South should be recognized in the great struggle between the people and the money power, as we in the West realize the South is with us solidly for free silver, and her votes with ours will elect the president. No man south of the Mason and Dixon line has been nominated for president since 1860. That the people of that section are as patriotic as they are in the East, or North, there is no question. Why, then, should we be eternally seeking a candidate from New York, or some other money center, who, when elected, uses the power

of his office to crush the vital interests of the great middle classes in the South and West.

Give us Morgan and a good running mate from the West and the people of this country will gladly unite to elect them, and a political reformation will set in, which will finally bring prosperity and happiness to the homes of millions of our fellow countrymen.

THE BROAD AX IN THE EAST AND WEST.

The following letter and extract from a great western newspaper, received a few days ago, proves that the BROAD AX is read and appreciated far from home:

U. S. COURT HOUSE,
OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS.
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Nov. 30, 1895.

Mr. Julius F. Taylor, Editor
"Broad Ax," Salt Lake City, Utah.

DEAR SIR.—Long ago I intended to write you in congratulation upon the soundness of your great speech. I wish it was possible to have sent a copy of it into the home of every colored voter in this whole country, especially so much of it as relates to the true history of slavery. It should become a national campaign document. * * * *

Go on Mr. Taylor, in your good work of opening the eyes of our people; your reward will come by and by. When I started it was very nearly all curses and blows.

Yours for an enlightened citizenship.

C. H. J. TAYLOR.

The above letter is from one of the brightest and most progressive colored Democrats in the nation. Mr. Taylor was nominated by President Cleveland for the position of minister to Bolivia, in 1893, but a Republican Senate, prompted by envy and inborn dislike to our race, refused to confirm him; the President thereupon named Mr. Taylor for Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, which position he now holds. Such responses to our feeble efforts go a long way to encourage and strengthen us in our fight to bring the colored voters out of the mental and political slavery in which so many of them are now held. But a brighter day is surely coming; and we trust we shall be able to continue the warfare until it dawns. We would say, by way of explanation, that Mr. Taylor of Washington, is not a relative of ours—"not brothers, no relation."

Following the above letter, came this extract from the *Omaha World-Herald*, with the compliments of W. J. Bryan, editor.

"The *Broad Ax* is the name of a new silver paper recently started in Salt Lake City. It advocates the nomination of Senator Morgan for president. There is nothing the matter with Senator Morgan. He is not only eminently qualified, but the South is entitled to recognition. It must furnish a majority of electoral votes cast for silver. Why should it not furnish the candidate?"

We presume modesty alone forbid the *World-Herald* from also endorsing our candidate for vice-president, the Hon. W. J. Bryan.

The ticket we have named is taking well among the friends of silver; and should these men receive the nomination their election is certain, as there will be a "solid West," as well as a "solid South."

DOCTOR GROVER CLEVELAND.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, in his recent message to Congress, is led to say, "Many of my countrymen, whose sincerity I do not doubt, insist that the cure for the ills now threatening us, may be found in the single and simple remedy of the free coinage of silver."

How in the world the President received this piece of information, and who some of the many are who maintain that position, we are left in darkness. We think Mr. Cleveland is mistaken in his conclusions in this regard. No one that we can call to mind, in either branch of Congress, or on the stump, or in the press, has ever maintained that the free coinage of silver would be a panacea for all the national ills with which we are now afflicted. No well posted modern physician relies on a single remedy for a cure, but combines well-known and oft tried medicines, together with good nursing and a strict observance of the laws of hygiene. In our case the doctors in charge of the patient, insist upon the "single gold cure," which is producing a congestion in a small portion of the national anatomy, and a depletion of the circulating medium in all the remainder. We suggest a change, by mixing a little silver with the gold, and using a small "greenback" plaster for the weak parts. We also believe the patient should not be disturbed by a lot of noisy visitors from foreign lands, but should be kept quiet and allowed to enjoy the climate and scenery of the United States, and not be compelled to inhale the poisonous gases emitted from the sewer pipes leading from Europe and Asia. Let us protect our own sick, before we invite the moral,

intellectual, and financial cripples of the earth to come here for hospital treatment.

Doctor Cleveland also states, that we as a nation, would be humiliated by the consciousness that we had "parted company with all the enlightened and progressive nations of the world," should we adopt the bimetallic standard.

Well, it would not be the first time we parted company with these fellows. We rather turned our back on this crowd in 1776, and we have had no reason to feel humiliated yet. It sometimes is very good policy to shun our neighbors, especially if they have got some contagious disease that we don't want. In fact it is oftentimes necessary to quarantine, even against an "enlightened" and "progressive" neighbor, to avoid smallpox, scarlet fever, or cholera. The United States is no longer an infant; it is big enough and strong enough to go it alone if given a chance. If we but set the pace in the direction of benefitting humanity, these old, sleepy powers of Europe, will soon be found following our example, as they have in many respects during the last century. The world moves forward, not backward; and if we read the signs of the times aright, it is moving in an opposite direction from the President's idea.

From J. L. Reade, senior member of the firm of Reade and Garrett:

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
Dec. 3rd, 1895.

J. F. Taylor, Esq.

Dear Sir and Friend—We have had the pleasure of receiving several of your papers from you, illustrating your convictions, and, no doubt, doing good work in a mighty cause, one that every person, who has the welfare of the country at heart, should support. The people need the honest dollar. The dollars of their daddies. Good silver dollars that have the stamp of Uncle Sam on their face and their back. When that good time comes, prosperity will follow. The West will become a garden and the mountains hives of industry. The Gold bugs and the usurers will hide their diminished heads and the cent per cent robbers will have lost their precious privilege of taking their pound of flesh and the heart's blood of the people.

Let your good work go ahead and arouse the people to their opportunity and place themselves on record as free men and not be bound to the chariot of the financial Juggernaut, that will crush him and his friends into financial ruin.

Yours very truly,
J. L. READE.